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OPTICAL FIBER OBTAINED BY DRAWING THEREOF

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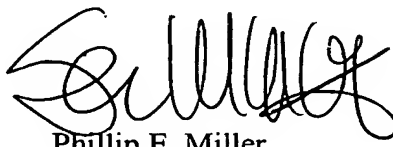
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the European Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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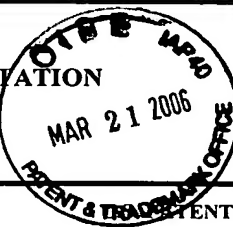
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